(d) To improve viabil 'y of sugar facto ries Government have taken various meas ures as continuation of levy freesale ratio at 45 55 grant of inventives by way of higher freesale quota on production achieved dur ing early and late crushing periods grant of loans from the Sugar Development Fund at concessional rates of interest for cane de velopment schemes as well as for moderni sation/rehabilitation

[*English*]

Supply of Samples by FCI

5408 DR C SILVERA Will the Minis ter of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has been supplying samples of items of Fair Price Shops in Delhi and other States

(b) if not the reasons therefor and

(c) the action taken to ensure supply of samples of each item to Fair Price Shops invariably in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India (FCI) does not directly supply samples of foodgrains to the fair price shops The samples are drawn jointly by FCI and the concerned State wholesale agency and it is the responsibility of the said agency to make available the samples to the respective fair price shops for display

(c) No action is called for as far as FCI is concerned

Research and Development of Ancient Weaponary System

5409 SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the ancient Indian texts such as Vedas depict a very highly devel oped weaponary system particularly the Agnivana in India

(b) whether there is any proposal to develop and encourage research facilities in this regard

(c) if so the details thereof and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) Yes Sir

(b) to (d) Government of India has established Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pra tishthan whose policy is to encourage and support any scholar who would approach for assistance with requisite qualifications to pursue Vedas Vedanges and Upvedas which includes Dhanurveda also

Family Planning

5410 SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Family Planning has become quite costly in the recent past and is likely to become costlier in future

(b) if so the action contemplated to provide cheap family planning methods

(c) whether the Government are consid ering a proposal to involve the non allo pathic doctors in villages in the Family Plan ning Programme and

(d) if so the details thereof?